

1 20. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, [wherein the]
2 further including means for providing [the] an auxiliary power
3 signal and [includes means] for transforming the ac input signal
4 into the auxiliary power signal.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 13.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected all of the claims under the judicially-created doctrine of double-patenting over U.S. Patent No. 5,601,741. Applicants have amended the claims to refer to a power factor correction circuit (referred to at page 11, line 32 of the application). Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art (other than the parent application) does not teach this feature. Also, Applicants have deleted the reference in the independent claims to an auxiliary power circuit.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit a notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes a terminal disclaimer is still necessary and sufficient for allowing the claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Attorney below, who will provide the terminal disclaimer.

Respectfully Submitted



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